

# Crime Trackers

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## CRIME TRACKERS

TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 1:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 2, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CRIME TRACKER- CAR VANDALISM**

IN OUR CRIMETRACKER REPORTS TONIGHT WE LOOK INTO VANDALISM SPREES IN OUR AREA. DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN NORTHWEST RENO AWOKE THIS MORNING TO FIND THEIR CAR WINDOWS SMASHED. IT HAPPENED ON SEVERAL STREETS AROUND BILLINGHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE MAJORITY OF THE CARS WERE TARGETED ON ENCHANTED VALLEY DRIVE. OFFICERS TELL US SIMILAR CAR VANDALISM HAPPENED IN THE HUNTER LAKE AREA ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, AND A FEW YEARS BACK.. OFFICERS INVESTIGATED REPORTS OF CARS BEING SHOT WITH B-B GUNS IN THIS SAME NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CAR OWNERS WE TALKED WITH SAY THE VANDALS DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING FROM INSIDE THEIR CARS. BUT NEIGHBORS TELL US CRIME IS FREQUENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ONE MAN SAYS CRIMINALS BROKE INTO HIS WIFE'S CAR THREE TIMES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE NO LEADS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE... NO DESCRIPTION OF A SUSPECT... AND NO DESCRIPTION OF WHAT KIND OF WEAPON WAS USED TO SMASH THE WINDOWS. POLICE ARE URGING NEIGHBORS TO CONTACT THEIR INSURANCE COMPANIES AND FILE A POLICE REPORT OVER THE PHONE OR ONLINE.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT TODAY 1:50

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 3, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **THURS SCAM ALERT**

WE HAVE ANOTHER WARNING ABOUT A SCAM WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT FOR YEARS. IN THIS MORNING'S CRIME TRACKER REPORT...WE TAKE AN IN DEPTH LOOK AT THE NIGERIAN OR "419" SCAM. IT'S BEEN BILKING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM AMERICANS FOR DECADES.. THIS MORNING WE HEAR FROM THE NEVADA COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AS TO WHY PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FALL FOR IT. AND 2 TO 3 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO RECEIVE THESE E-MAILS DO BELIEVE IT. IN THE END.. IT NOT ONLY COSTS THEM THOUSANDS TRYING TO GET IT.. BUT OFTEN TIMES THEY'LL GIVE UP THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION AS WELL. THE SCAM ARTISTS GET THEIR MARKS BY PROMISING A LOT AND ASKING A LITTLE. SAYING YOU'VE INHERITED OR WON SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS...AND THEN ASKING FOR HUNDREDS OR MAYBE A FEW THOUSAND FOR PROCESSING COSTS. NEVADA CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER JAMES CAMPOS SAYS THAT PROSPECT OF INSTANT WEALTH OFTEN LEADS PEOPLE TO LET DOWN THEIR GUARD AND CAST THEIR COMMON SENSE ASIDE. IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ON-LINE SCAMMERS WE'VE SET UP A LINK TO THE STATE'S FRAUD PROTECTION SITE..

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 2:00

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 3, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CRAIGSLIST SCAM**

IN OUR CRIMETRACKER REPORT THE INTERNET OFFERS ONE OF THE FASTEST AND EASIEST WAYS TO FIND SOMETHING YOU WANT TO BUY. BUT AS NEWS FOUR'S VICTORIA CAMPBELL REPORTS... IT ALSO OFFERS THIEVES A FAST AND EASY WAY... TO TAKE YOUR MONEY AND DISAPPEAR. ON JUNE 21ST, ASHLEY YOCHUM SPOTTED A YUKON DENALI S-U-V ON CRAIGSLIST JUNE 21st A 2001-MODEL FOR SALE FOR 28-HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. SHE WAS INTERESTED, BUT SKEPTICAL, AND CHECKED OUT THE NAME OF THE SELLER AND THE VEHICLE I-D NUMBER. SO SHE WIRED NEARLY 3-THOUSAND DOLLARS THROUGH WHAT SHE THOUGHT WAS A LEGITIMATE WEBSITE-- TO THE U-K AND WAITED FOR THREE DAYS. FINALLY, ON SUNDAY, SHE CALLED WORLD-PAY-- THE LEGITIMATE COMPANY SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD USED. DETECTIVE PAUL VILLA HEADS UP THE FRAUD UNIT AT THE RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE SAYS THE AGENCY HAS FIELDIED A NUMBER OF RECENT REPORTS-- OF SUCH SCAMS. HE SAYS VICTIMS ARE LOSING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THEY WILL NEVER SEE AGAIN BECAUSE MOST OF IT GOES OVERSEAS. VILLA'S ADVICE, IF YOU WANT TO BUY A CAR FROM ANY PRIVATE AD-- BUY LOCAL SO YOU CAN MEET THE OWNER AND SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTING. IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR MONEY FROM A SCAM. DETECTIVE VILLA (VEE-yah) SAYS... IF YOU DO LOSE MONEY IN ANY KIND OF SCAM, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTIFY THE POLICE SO THEY CAN GATHER INFORMATION, INVESTIGATE IT, AND WARN THE PUBLIC.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT NOON 1:15

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 10, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **GAS STATION ROBBERY**

IN OUR CRIMETRACKER REPORT, POLICE BELEIVE THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO ROBBERIES IN RENO THIS WEEK, WHERE THE SUSPECTS SPRAYED STORE CLERKS IN THE FACE WITH PEPPER SPRAY AND RAN OFF WITH CASH. THIS MORNING'S ROBBERY HAPPENED AT THE WINNER'S CORNER ON ARLINGTON AVENUE AND LIBERTY STREET IN RENO ON MONDAY... A SIMILAR ROBBERY HAPPENED AT THE AM-PM ON WEST SECOND STREET AND KEYSTONE AVENUE. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS ARE THE SAME IN BOTH CASES. THEY ARE WHITE.. ABOUT 25-YEARS OLD... ALTHOUGH ONE STORE CLERK TELLS US THE SUSPECTS LOOK MORE LIKE 16THEY EACH WEIGH ABOUT 140 POUNDS.. AND ARE 5-10 TO 6- FEET-TALL. BOTH WERE WEARING DARK CLOTHING AND HATS. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE ROBBERIES...CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900. AND THAT SAME AREA OF DOWNTOWN RENO HAS SEEN A STRING OF CRIME LATELY. LAST THURSDAY.. THE WELLS FARGO BANK ON THE CORNER OF ARLINGTON AND CALIFORNIA WAS ROBBED. POLICE SAY A WHITE MAN IN HIS LATE 30'S WALKED INTO THE BANK AROUND 10 A-M, DEMANDING MONEY FROM ONE OF THE TELLERS AND ON THE CORNER OF CALIFORNIA AND SOUTH VIRGINIA ON FRIDAY... TWO MEN KNOCKED A WOMAN TO THE GROUND AND STOLE HER PURSE. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE ARRESTED ONE SUSPECT IN THAT CASE.

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## CRIME TRACKERS

TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 0:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 10, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CRIME TRACKER- SPARKS BURGLARIES**

IN OUR CRIMETRACKER REPORT TONIGHT.. RENO POLICE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SERIAL ROBBERS WHO SPRAY CLERKS IN THE FACE WITH PEPPER SPRAY.. THEN RUN OFF WITH THE CASH. THIS MORNING'S ROBBERY HAPPENED AT THE WINNER'S CORNER ON ARLINGTON AVENUE AND LIBERTY STREET IN RENO. ON MONDAY, A SIMILAR ROBBERY HAPPENED AT THE AM-PM ON WEST SECOND STREET AND KEYSTONE AVENUE. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS ARE THE SAME IN BOTH CASES. THEY ARE WHITE MEN.. ABOUT 25-YEARS OLD... ALTHOUGH ONE STORE CLERK TELLS US THE SUSPECTS LOOK MORE LIKE 16. THEY EACH WEIGH ABOUT 140 POUNDS.. AND ARE 5-10 TO 6-FEET-TALL. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE ROBBERIES...CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 0:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 11, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **DOUGLAS CO BURGS**

IN OUR CRIMETRACKER REPORT TONIGHT, A DISTURBING TREND OUT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY. DEPUTIES ARE INVESTIGATING THREE REPORTS OF HOME INVASIONS IN THREE DAYS IN THE AREA OF JOHNSON LANE...NEAR MINDEN. DEPUTIES TELL US ALL OF THE BURGLARIES HAPPENED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS... BETWEEN JULY FIFTH AND JULY SEVENTH. THERE'S NO DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS YET.. SO AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISING PEOPLE IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS LOCK THEIR DOORS.. AND WATCH FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 0:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 12, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CAUGHLIN RANCH**

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YOU MAY HAVE SEEN A BIG POLICE PRESENCE IN THE CAUGHLIN (COLIN) RANCH AREA TODAY. IN TONIGHT'S CRIMETRACKER REPORT RENO POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING WHO IS BEHIND A STRING OF BURGLARIES YESTERDAY ON WEST 7TH STREET. POLICE SAY THEY FOLLOWED A VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN A WITNESS REPORT. WHEN THEY PULLED UP \*BEHIND\* THE CAR...TWO PEOPLE JUMPED OUT AND FLED IN THE CAUGHLIN (COLIN) RANCH AREA.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 0:40

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 13, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **NW BURGLARIES**

IN TONIGHT'S CRIME TRACKER REPORT...RENO AUTHORITIES HOPE A REWARD WILL HELP CATCH THE PEOPLE ACCUSED OF A LARGE SCALE VANDALISM. VANDALISM SPREE SOMERSET AND DOUBLE DIAMOND POLICE SAY CAR VANDALISM INVESTIGATIONS ARE \*MAINLY\* TAKING PLACE IN THE SOMERSET AND DOUBLE DIAMOND AREAS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE SUSPECTS HAVE SHOT OUT WINDOWS IN \*ATLEAST\* ONE-HUNDRED CARS. THE SUSPECTS ARE BEING DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALES DRIVING IN A WHITE COMPACT CAR. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, YOU ARE URGED TO CALL THE SECRET WITNESS HOTLINE IMMEDIATELY. THE PHONE NUMBER IS 322-4900. ALL CALLS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 1:00

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 13, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **VANDALISM REWARDS**

IN TONIGHT'S CRIMETRACKER REPORT, RENO POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP ONCE AGAIN TO SOLVE A STRING OF VANDALISMS AROUND THE CITY. ACCORDING TO POLICE SOMEONE, OR A GROUP OF PEOPLE, ARE DRIVING AROUND SHOOTING OUT CAR WINDOWS WITH A B-B GUN.. THE TWO HARDEST HIT AREAS RECENT ARE IN NORTHWEST RENO AROUND SOMMERSET AND BILLINGHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL. AND ALSO IN THE DOUBLE DIAMOND AREA...WE TALKED WITH SECRET WITNESS TODAY WHO SAID OTHER AREAS AROUND RENO ARE ALSO BEING HIT. THE PEOPLE WE TALKED TO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TOLD US THEN... NOTHING WAS STOLEN, BUT WINDOWS BEING SHOT OUT IS A RECURRING PROBLEM. RENO POLICE SAY HUNDREDS OF CAR WINDOWS WERE SHOT OUT BACK ON JULY FIRST AND SECOND, BUT THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS. SECRET WITNESS IS NOW OFFERING AN UNDETERMINED REWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARRESTS OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE VANDALISM. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 1:40

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 16, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **VANDALISM**

THERE ARE A LOT OF ANGRY RESIDENTS IN RENO AND SPARKS. THAT'S BECAUSE HUNDREDS OF THEM ARE WAKING UP TO SHATTERED CAR WINDOWS. IN RENO, POLICE SAY CLOSE TO TWO HUNDRED CARS HAVE BEEN HIT IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THEY SAY VANDALISM INVESTIGATIONS ARE \*MAINLY\* TAKING PLACE IN THE SOMERSET AND DOUBLE DIAMOND AREAS. AND IN SPARKS POLICE TELL ME, ATLEAST 40 CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. THEY SAY...MAINLY IN NORTHEAST SPARKS. FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS IN SPARKS AND RENO HAVE BEEN HIT WITH THE VANDALISM. A LOT OF CAR OWNERS ARE WONDERING WHAT THEY DID TO DESERVE THIS. POLICE SAY ITS FROM THE B-B GUN BANDITS WHO SHOOT OUT WINDOWS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS WE TALKED TO SAYS HER DAUGHTER SAW THE VANDALS. SHE HAS THIS MESSAGE FOR THEM. THAT WOMAN \*AS WELL AS INVESTIGATORS....BELIEVE A WHITE-COLORED COMPACT CAR WAS INVOLVED WITH ATLEAST TWO PEOPLE INSIDE. THEY'RE DESCRIBED AS TWO, YOUNG WHITE MALES. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, YOU ARE URGED TO CALL THE SECRET WITNESS HOTLINE, THE PHONE NUMBER, 322-4900. POLICE CAN'T LINK ALL OF THESE CRIMES TOGETHER JUST YET... BUT SAY THEY'RE SEEING A PATTERN, IN HOW THE CRIMES ARE CONDUCTED. I'LL KEEP YOU POSTED ON THIS STORY AS THINGS UNFOLD.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 0:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 2, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CAR BURGLARIES**

OUR CRIMETRACKER COVERAGE TONIGHT... HERE'S ANOTHER DISTURBING TREND IN OUR AREA, THIS ONE FROM SPARKS POLICE THEY SAY SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU PARK YOUR CAR... PUT YOUR VALUABLES OR PURSE UNDER THE SEAT OR IN THE TRUNK... THEN WHEN YOU LEAVE...THEY BREAK INTO YOUR CAR, POP THE TRUNK... AND STEAL WHAT YOU PUT THERE. SO FAR, THEY SAY THERE HAVE BEEN 18 CAR BURGLARIES THIS WEEK MOSTLY ALONG DISC DRIVE IN SPARKS AND AT THE SPARKS MARINA AS WELL. MOST OF THE BREAK-INS ARE HAPPENING IN PARKING LOTS OF SHOPPING CENTERS AND GYMS.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 1:20

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TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 21, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **ROB CRIME TRACKER**

IN TONIGHT'S CRIME TRACKER REPORT, NEWS 4 IS TRACKING CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERIES AROUND THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY'RE NOT CONFINED TO ANY ONE AREA OF RENO AND SPARKS. A CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPERT IS PUTTING \*PART\* OF THE BLAME ON THE TOUGH ECONOMY, AND WARNS, YOU COULD SEE THESE CRIMES INCREASING. THIS IS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM THE ROBBERY AT THE FOOD MART ON KIETZKE LAST NIGHT. EXPERTS TELL NEWS 4, THE BEST WAY FOR BUSINESSES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IS TO INVEST IN GOOD LIGHTING AND QUALITY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS. AND IF YOU DO HAVE CAMERAS, MAKE SURE THEY'RE WORKING ON A REGULAR BASIS. THEY ADVISE, THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYEE AT A STORE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. ALSO DO NOT LEAVE LARGE SUMS OF CASH IN YOUR REGISTER ...AND MAKE THAT KNOWN WITH SIGNS AND STICKERS. ALSO, IF YOUR STORE GETS ROBBED, YOU ARE URGED TO SIMPLY JUST BE THE EYES AND EARS FOR POLICE, RATHER THAN FIGHTING BACK. NEWS 4 HAS LEARNED THAT DOZENS OF ROBBERIES IN RENO AND SPARKS IN RECENT MONTHS, HAVE MANY BUSINESS OWNERS ON HIGH ALERT. A VIOLENT ONE... TOOK PLACE IN SPARKS OVER THE WEEKEND. POLICE SAY, ONE ATTENDANT WAS STABBED; THE OTHER WAS SHOT WHILE FIGHTING BACK. IT HAPPENED AT PAUL'S MARKET ON VANCE WAY IN SPARKS. THE SAVE MART WAS ALSO ROBBED AROUND TEN LAST NIGHT...ALONG KIETZKE AND MILL IN RENO. MASKED MEN FLASHED A GUN, BUT NO ONE WAS HURT. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON ANY ROBBERIES YOU CAN CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900. ON A SIDE NOTE, LOCAL SURVEILLANCE COMPANIES LIKE \*CQ SYSTEMS\*, HAVE BEEN INSTALLING MORE CAMERAS IN STORES. THEY SAY THEIR CLIENTS USUALLY CATCH ROBBERS ON THEIR CAMERAS ONCE A MONTH... BUT NOW...IT'S BEEN THREE TIMES A MONTH.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 1:00

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 24, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **RENO SPARKS BURGLARIES**

RENO AND SPARKS POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING SEPARATE ROBBERIES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE SAME PEOPLE. ON SATURDAY NIGHT...PAUL'S MARKET ON VANCE WAY WAS ROBBED. SPARKS POLICE SAY THE CLERK WAS STABBED, HIS BROTHER SHOT DURING THE ALTERCATION. FOUR HOURS LATER... TWO MEN... ROBBED THE SAK-N-SAVE ON EAST PLUMB LANE... THESE ARE SURVEILLANCE PICTURES FROM THE SAK-N-SAVE ROBBERY...POLICE SAY THE FIRST SUSPECT IS A WHITE MAN IN HIS 20'S... HE STANDS FIVE-FOOT-SEVEN AND WEIGHS 160 POUNDS. THE SECOND SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A PACIFIC ISLANDER MAN, ALSO IN HIS 20'S... STANDING SIX FOOT AND WEIGHING 230 POUNDS. SPARKS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THEY HAVE A THIRD RELATED INCIDENT. ON SATURDAY MORNING...TWO MEN BURGLARIZED THE VISTA MART IN SPARKS. THE FIRST MAN IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE WITH SHORT HAIR. HE WORE A LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT AND DARK PANTS. THE SECOND IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE WITH SHORT HAIR... HE WORE MEDIUM COLORED PANTS AND NO SHIRT. A REWARD IS BEING OFFERED IN THE CASE...IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING, CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900.

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## CRIME TRACKERS

TITLE: NEW 4 AT TODAY 2:10

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 2, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **ALCOHOL STING**

ALMOST 2 DOZEN CONVENIENCE STORES ARE UNDER-FIRE FOR SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS. NEWS 4'S SHERRY HATAMIYA TELLS US WHAT'S BEING DONE TO FIX THE PROBLEM...IN THIS MORNING'S CRIME TRACKER REPORT. WHEN WE ENTERED THE SKYLINE MARKET IN RENO, WE WERE GREETED BY THE OWNER. HIS FACIAL EXPRESSIONS CHANGED AFTER WE TOLD HIM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN HIS STORE MONDAY. POLICE SAY SKYLINE MARKET WAS ONE OF 23 CONVENIENCE STORES BUSTED IN A STING TARGETING EMPLOYEES WHO SOLD ALCOHOL TO MINORS MONDAY. 60 \*OTHER\* STORES PASSED THE TEST... A 15-PERCENT IMPROVEMENT COMPARED TO LAST DECEMBER'S BUST. POLICE HAD THREE UNDERAGED VOLUNTEER DECOYS TO TRY AND BUY THE BOOZE. CORY CRANSTON WAS ONE OF THEM. HE WAS SURPRISED AT HOW EASY THE TRANSACTION COULD BE. AS FOR THE EMPLOYEE CITED AT THE SKYLINE MARKET....POLICE SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PERIODICALLY CONDUCT THESE BUSTS ON STORES IN RENO IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN RENO. ALL THE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE CITED FACE A 465-DOLLAR FINE. AUTHORITIES SAY CITATIONS COULD COST MORE IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN CITED BEFORE... BUT THE FINE IS ULTIMATELY UP TO A JUDGE. THE CITED ESTABLISHMENTS COULD ALSO FACE MORE SANCTIONS... INCLUDING HAVING THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE REVOKED FOR A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME. TO SEE A COMPLETE LIST OF WHICH STORES WERE CAUGHT SELLING LIQUOR TO UNDERAGED MINORS.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 0:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: AUG 5, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **BRAZEN ROBBERIES**

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ON A CRIME TRACKER REPORT INVOLVING A RECENT RASH OF ARMED ROBBERIES--- ALL OVER RENO AND SPARKS. POLICE TELL US THE HOLD-UPS SEEM TO TAKE PLACE IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE ROBBERS KNEW THE VICTIMS WOULD HAVE CASH ON THEM. IN ONE INCIDENT- ON VILLA VERDE DRIVE OFF MAY ANNE AVENUE...TWO MEN ROBBED TWO PEOPLE AT GUNPOINT.. THEN JUST MINUTES LATER A WOMEN WAS ROBBED ON NEARBY ESCALERA WAY. BOTH CRIMES HAPPENED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS YESTERDAY. AND THEN LAST NIGHT... OFFICERS SAY TWO SUSPECTS WALKED UP TO A CAR FULL OF PEOPLE AT THE GRAND SIERRA RESORT NEXT TO THE GOLF DRIVING RANGE-- AND STOLE A WALLET AND A PURSE. THIS RECENT WAVE OF ARMED ROBBERIES IS CAUSING MOUNTING CONCERN....ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE THE ROBBERIES HAVE OCCURED...LIKE HERE IN NORTHWEST RENO. THERE'S ALSO CONCERN BECAUSE IT'S UNUSUAL FOR ROBBERS TO APPROACH PEOPLE IN THEIR CARS...AS THEY HAVE THREE TIMES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. NEIGHBORS WE TALKED TO SAY THAT FEWER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SPOTTED ALONE, AFTER NEWS OF THE INCIDENT SPREAD. POLICE SAY ROBBERIES ARE MORE COMMON DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS; ARMED ROBBERIES IN CARS ARE NOT. SOME NEIGHBORS SAY, THEY NEVER THOUGHT THIS TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY COULD BECOME SO SCARY. RENO POLICE AND THE D-A'S OFFICE ALSO HAVE SOME TIPS. THEY SAY TO STAY AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS...DON'T LET PEOPLE APPROACH YOU WITHOUT



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WARNING....DON'T GO OUT ALONE ESPECAILLY IN THE NIGHT, AND DON'T FLASH YOUR MONEY AROUND UNNECESSARILY.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 1:10

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: AUG 20, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **GRAFFITI CAMS**

RENO POLICE ARE TELLING US, THEIR ANTI-GRAFFITI CAMERAS ARE WORKING WELL TO DETER TAGGERS... BUT OUR CRIME TRACKER REPORT HAS REACHED A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION. POLICE ADMIT THOSE ANTI-GRAFFITI SOLAR CAMERAS HAVE ONLY CONTRIBUTED TO TWO ARRESTS DURING THE RECENT YEARS THEY'VE BEEN IN PLACE...AND TAGGING CONTINUES TO INCREASE BY ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT. AGAIN...POLICE SAY THE CAMERAS ARE PAYING DIVIDENDS...WORKING. THEY BOUGHT THE THREE NEW CAMERAS THROUGH A NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT. OFFICERS WITH THE GRAFFITI PROGRAM SAY CLIPS LIKE THIS ONE, HELP THEM ARREST AND PROSECUTE TAGGERS. IN TOTAL, 23 CAMERAS HAVE BEEN PLACED AROUND GRAFFITI-RIDDEN AREAS, INCLUDING FAKE CAMERAS. AUTHORITIES STRONGLY BELIEVE THE PRESENCE OF THE CAMERAS DETER TAGGERS. AND THEY SAY OUR CITY'S GROWING POPULATION PLAYS A BIG PART IN OUR SPIKE IN GRAFFITI CRIMES. COORDINATORS SAY THE CAMERAS WORK, EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE ONLY CONTRIBUTED TO TWO ARRESTS. THOSE SOLAR ANTI-GRAFFITI CAMERA COST ABOUT \$6-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT TODAY 1:10

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: SEPT 3, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FOR BUSINESSES**

IN OUR CRIME TRACKER REPORT, A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES IS NOW AVAILABLE IN CARSON CITY. IT'S A WAY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH THEIR GROWING CONCERN OVER GRAFFITI. THE PROGRAM IS SIMILAR TO A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, BUT FOR MERCHANTS. IT'S ALL PART OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ORGANIZERS SAY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ALSO GET INVOLVED TO HELP FORM A SECRET WITNESS PROGRAM. MEMBERS WILL BE TRAINED ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND REPORT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. MERCHANTS AND THE COMMUNITY WILL ACT AS THE "EYES AND EARS" FOR AUTHORITIES. SO FAR, IT'S ATTRACTING LOTS OF INTEREST. INCLUDING THE OWNER OF A LOCAL SECURITY BUSINESS WHO'S OFFERING A 500-DOLLAR REWARD TO HELP PUT TAGGERS BEHIND BARS. SO FAR THIS YEAR, CARSON CITY HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 500-REPORTS OF GRAFFITI AROUND THE CITY. CARSON CITY BUSINESS OWNERS WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6-30 AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. WE'LL BE KEEPING OUR EYES ON THIS PROGRAM TO SEE HOW IT WORKS.

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## CRIME TRACKERS

TITLE: NEW 4 AT 6PM 1:20

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 2, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **COPPER THEFT**

WHAT MAY LOOK LIKE NIGHT MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR WORK MAY BE COPPER THEFT IN PROGRESS...THAT'S ACCORDING TO RENO POLICE WHO SAY SEVERAL RECENT THEFTS WERE CARRIED OUT THAT WAY... POLICE SAY COPPER THIEVES HAVE DRESSED LIKE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR PERSONNEL BY WEARING SIMILAR COLORED CLOTHING, VESTS, OR HARDHATS... THEY HAVE ALSO USED VEHICLES TO BLOCK THE VIEW OF PASSING MOTORISTS IN ORDER TO REMOVE COPPER WIRING TO SELL AT METAL RECYCLING COMPANIES... POLICE HAVE SEEN COPPER THEFTS INCREASE LATELY IN THE REGION... THEY SAY THE REVENUE FROM COPPER THEFT IS USUALLY LARGE... AND THAT THEY USUALLY SEE A CONNECTION BETWEEN COPPER AND OTHER METAL THEFTS AND METHAMPHETAMINE USE... STEALING METAL FOR ITS SCRAP VALUE IS NOT A NEW CRIME BUT HIGHER PRICES FOR COPPER AND OTHER METALS HAS MADE IN AN ATTRACTIVE CRIME... LAST WEEK POLICE DISCOVERED THE THEFT OF COPPER WIRING FROM LIGHTS AT HORSEMAN'S PARK... OTHER THEFTS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE INCLUDED DAMONTE RANCH HIGH SCHOOL... NORTH VALLEYS HIGH SCHOOL... VAN GORDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... AND SPANISH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL... LOCAL METAL RECYCLING CENTERS ARE WORKING WITH THE RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON CRIME REDUCTION MEASURES RELATED TO COPPER WIRING, PIPE AND OTHER ITEMS... INCLUDING REQUIRING DRIVER'S LICENSE IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING METAL FOR SALE AT THE CENTERS. IF YOU SEE NIGHTTIME OPERATIONS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY COULD BE UTILITY REPAIRS...RENO POLICE ARE URGING YOU TO CALL SECRET WITNESS AT 322-4900... EVEN IF THE VEHICLES ARE MARKED WITH SIGNS...

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 1:45

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: SEPT 9, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **BIZ ON HIGH ALERT**

THE AREA NEAR LAKESIDE AND MOANA HAS BECOME AN AREA IN FEAR AFTER THE ARMED ROBBERIES IN RECENT WEEKS. AS NEWS 4'S SHERRY HATAMIYA REPORTS, BUSINESSES ARE COMING TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT THIS TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY'S CRIME LIFE. LINDSAY FALKNER NOW MAKES SURE THAT SHE ISN'T ALONE WHEN CLOSING UP THE NEVADA STORE, THIS, AFTER HEARING NEWS OF WHAT HAPPENED TO A NEIGHBORING BUSINESS RECENTLY. LINDSAY FALKNER/ THE NEVADA STORE: WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT IT, IT WAS LIKE OKAY, LETS JUST KEEP OUR EYES WIDE OPEN AND BE SUPER CAREFUL. POLICE RELEASED THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO TO US LAST WEEK WHEN THE GODFATHER'S PIZZA PARLOR WAS ROBBED, ITS ONE OF THREE ARMED ROBBERIES IN RECENT WEEKS, ALL HAPPENING IN THE NIGHT. THAT HAS MANY NEARBY BUSINESS OWNERS ON EDGE, BUT VIGILANT. ROBBIE MILTON/ LABELS CONSIGNMENT BOUTIQUE: WHAT YOU DO IS KEEP YOUR EYE OUT IF THERE'S SOMEBODY UNUSUALLY OR SOMETHING USUAL, THEN YOU PAY ATTENTION AND YOU ALERT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU. SOME STORES ALREADY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH ALARM COMPANIES, AND EVEN A FURRY FRIEND

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TO HELP KEEP THEM SAFE. BUT SOME STORES ARE NOW LOOKING INTO SETTING UP SOPHISTICATED SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS AND BEING EVEN MORE FAMILIAR WITH NEIGHBORS. ANNIE BURHANS/ FAIRLY GROUNDED COFFEE & TEA: SAY, SOMEONE WEIRD COMES IN OR YOU GET A THREAT, YOU CALL YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND BAND TOGETHER TO TRY AND STAY SAFE. SOMETHING WORKERS AT THESE SHOPS AY THEY'RE CAPABLE OF HANDLING... IF ROBBERS EVER TRIED TO GET A HANDLE ON THEM. ITS ALL WOMEN ALL UP AND DOWN HERE, I THINK THAT WE'RE ALL ABLED BODIED AND IT'LL WORK OUT. IN THE MEANTIME, AUTHORITIES ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 11PM 2:30

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 10, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CRASHES DOWN**

IN TONIGHT'S CRIMETRACKER REPORT, A NEW REPORT FROM RENO POLICE SAYS THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND INJURY CRASHES HAS DROPPED. THE REPORT INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES FROM ACCIDENTS... AND ALSO DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS... IT COMPARES THE NUMBERS FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER OF 2007 TO THIS YEAR SO FAR... THE REPORT SAYS VEHICLE-RELATED FATALITIES HAVE DROPPED MORE THAN 61 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR, AND INJURY ACCIDENTS HAVE DROPPED NEARLY SEVEN PERCENT. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE OVERALL NUMBERS: THERE WERE 13 VEHICLE CRASH-RELATED FATALITIES IN 2007... COMPARED TO 5 THIS YEAR... AND 766 INJURY CRASHES IN 2007... COMPARED TO 714 DURING THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR. THE RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO REPORTED A 23 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PEDESTRIAN INVOLVED CRASHES... WITH 81 BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER 2007... COMPARED TO 62 FOR THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR... THERE ARE ALSO REDUCTIONS SHOWN FOR ARRESTS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRASHES. YOU CAN SEE ON YOUR SCREEN HOW THE NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED. THE REPORT SAYS VEHICLE-RELATED FATALITIES HAVE DROPPED MORE THAN 61 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND INJURY ACCIDENTS HAVE DROPPED NEARLY SEVEN PERCENT. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE OVERALL NUMBERS: THERE WERE 13 VEHICLE CRASH-RELATED FATALITIES IN 2007... COMPARED TO 5 THIS YEAR... AND 766 INJURY CRASHES IN 2007... COMPARED TO 714 DURING THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR... THE RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ALSO REPORTED A 23 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PEDESTRIAN INVOLVED CRASHES... WITH 81 BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER 2007... COMPARED TO 62 FOR THE SAME PERIOD THIS YEAR... THERE ARE ALSO REDUCTIONS SHOWN FOR ARRESTS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED CRASHES. YOU CAN SEE ON YOUR SCREEN HOW THE NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED. LARSON SAYS NOT ONLY ARE CRASH STATISTICS IMPROVING... BUT THE THEY ARE ALSO AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE STATE. A STUDY CAME OUT EARLIER THIS YEAR OF TOP ACCIDENTS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA... THE 60 TOP CRASH LOCATIONS... RENO DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE INTERSECTION THAT WAS ON THE LIST. SO I THINK THAT RIGHT THERE SHOWS THAT THIS EFFORT, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THESE STREETS ARE REVOLVING AND COMING BACK IN, WE'RE STILL BRINGING THE OVERALL NUMBERS DOWN AND WE'RE MAKING THE INTERSECTIONS SAFER FOR THE CITIZENS. TO SEE THE FULL TRAFFIC REPORT INCLUDING THE CURRENT 15 HIGH-RISK INTERSECTIONS... VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KRVN DOT-COM AND CLICK ON THE "AS SEEN ON NEWS FOUR" LINK...

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 1:50

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 19, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **CARSON GRAFFITI FOLLOW UP**

IN OUR CRIME TRACKER UPDATE TONIGHT...A CARSON CITY NEIGHBORHOOD, HIT BY A NUMBER OF TAGGERS IN RECENT WEEKS SET A DATE TO MEET WITH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ABOUT THE CRIME WAVE. IT WAS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM THAT THE SHERIFF SAYS BUSINESS OWNERS WANTED TO ATTEND FOR THE FIRST TIME. SHERIFF KEN FURLONG/ CARSON CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: VERY EMOTIONAL, VERY DETERMINED. WE WANT TO STOP THE PROBLEM, WE WANT TO GET OUT THERE NIGHT.

THAT'S WHAT CARSON CITY SHERIFF KEN FURLONG SAYS A LARGE GROUP OF BUSINESS OWNERS TOLD HIM ABOUT A MONTH AGO...AFTER A STRING OF GRAFFITI INCIDENTS. AND FURLONG SAYS, BUSINESS OWNERS CALLED FOR TUESDAY'S BUSINESS WATCH MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO COMBAT CRIME. TURNS OUT, NO BUSINESS OWNERS SHOWED UP, BUT RESIDENTS ON EDGE DID.

NEILA ABBOTT/ CONCERNED RESIDENT: I THINK THAT MAYBE WE JUST NEED TO KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT.

SHAWNE MARTINEZ/ LIVES IN CARSON CITY I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY. WE'RE TOURISM BASED AND ARE PEOPLE DRIVING THROUGH OUR CITY ALL THEY'RE SEEING IS GRAFFITI THEY'RE PROBABLY NOT GONNA STOP, PROBABLY GONNA KEEP GOING.

ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE LIVING IN CARSON CITY SAT IN A ROOM AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO GET THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATIONS. GRAFFITI HAS BEEN A CONCERN FOR QUITE SOME TIME. WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU THE OUTCRY FROM BUSINESS OWNERS IN OUR CRIME TRACKER SEGMENT ON SEPTEMBER 2ND. FURLONG SAYS DEPUTIES HAVEN'T STOPPED WORKING HARD TO BRING PEOPLE SOME RELIEF.

FURLONG: WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THOSE EFFORTS AND KEEP CONTACTING THE BUSINESSES AND KEEP ENCOURAGING THEM. THESE ARE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO STAND TOGETHER. WE CONTACTED SOME BUSINESS OWNERS WE INTERVIEWED LAST MONTH REGARDING THE BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM. THEY TELL NEWS 4, THERE WAS A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM, AND SAY THEY'RE SORRY FOR MISSING THE MEETING.

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TITLE: NEW 4 AT 5PM 1:50

TYPE: CRIME TRACKER

DATE OF BROADCAST: JULY 20, 2008

DESCRIPTION: **HIGH SPEED TRAINING**

IN TONIGHT'S CRIME TRACKER REPORT, THE NORTHERN NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY IS UNDERWAY. THIS WEEK, RECRUITS HAD THE CHANCE TO LEARN A NEW SKILL IN A CRUNCH SITUATION...HIGH SPEED CHASES. IT'S A BIG LESSON FROM THE BEGINNING STAGES OF FIGHTING CRIME. THESE TYPE OF HIGH SPEED CHASES KILL MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE A YEAR, NATIONWIDE, MOST OF THEM, INNOCENT BYSTANDERS IN THE

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WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. NOW, A LOCAL PROGRAM--WANTS LOCAL RECRUITS TO LEARN FROM OTHERS' LOSS, THE RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS 27... MOSTLY ONE OR TWO MILE LONG PURSUITS SINCE LAST YEAR. THAT'S JUST A FRACTION OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE COUNTY. I DECIDED TO GO FOR A SPIN... AND MY PHOTOGRAPHER ROBBIE BEASOM DID TOO. FOR US, THE STRESS KICKED IN AS SOON AS THE SUSPECT CAR TOOK OFF. THE PURSUIT VEHICLE GETS NEXT TO THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, MAKES CONTACT WITH THE CAR AND GENTLY TURNS INTO THE BACK END OF IT, CAUSING IT TO SPIN OUT. THE NORTHERN NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY INCLUDES RECRUITS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, RENO, SPARKS AND TRIBAL POLICE. OTHER COURSES IN THE ACADEMY INCLUDE FIRE ARMS TRAINING, STATE LAWS, AND D-U-I CLASSES.

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